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### WHERE ARE WE AT?

After extended deliberation, consideration, convocation, conversation, consultation and communication, the water committee appointed to take up the matter of the purchase or non-purchase of the present privately-owned plant has resolved that it will entertain no proposition from the water company until the latter has consented to exhibit its books.

The water company, as we understand it, has stated from the first that it wasn't interested in making any proposition to the city, and refuses to exhibit its books.

We seem to have circumnavigated the circumference of a circumscripted circle, as it were, and to have arrived with a flourish at the exact and identical spot, location and site from which we took our departure.

No answer has been elicited as yet to the query of the persistent gentleman who at the first session of the committee kept monotonously reiterating:

"What are we here for?"

### ALARMING.

Some more of our ideas of the permanency of the universe have been roughly dispelled by Prof. Louis Ross, an Albany astronomer. Of course, an amateur astronomer might be expected to see things top-heavy from the capital of the state of New York, but Professor Ross (no relation to Ross Murphy)—is no amateur. And he breaks the news to us that the handle of the Great Dipper has gone awry. Worse than that, it is becoming steadily awryer, and the stars which compose it are moving, declares the professor, in the opposite direction from the bowl of the dipper. It is considerable of a shock to learn that this constellation, which we laymen supposed immutable as the heavens, is about to be disrupted, with no human possibility of getting a new handle put on the immense celestial culinary utensil which we have contemplated in awe since our earliest childhood, the days of "Twinkle, twinkle, Little Star, How I wonder what you are, Up above the world so high Like a diamond in the sky."

If this may happen to the Great Dipper, we are prepared for the worst. The Little Dipper may be expected to disintegrate, leaving nothing that we are aware of wherewith to dip the milk out of the Milky Way. The legs of Cassiopeia's chair will likely be not be rudely snatched from under that article of heavenly furniture, leaving the lady sprawl upon the firmament. These ruthless star gazers will probably extract the bark from Sirius, the dog-star, and the beacon light of the north may appear some fine evening over the Antarctic pole. Maybe they will dehorn Taurus and rob Saturn of his rings; take the eye out of Orion and the Perse out of Perseus, rudely snuff Gemini and in short make hopeless pi-lins out of all the great aggregations of glittering "diamonds of the sky."

The Night Has a Thousand Eyes; but it is going to be badly cross-eyed if the astronomers keep on.

### NO HERO FUND FOR THEM.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie's hero fund has effected good in helping poor and worthy boys and young men who had done some heroic act, to make headway in the world, notwithstanding the disadvantages of poverty. However, there are other kinds of heroism besides pulling a drowning person out of the water, or rescuing the helpless inmates of a house on fire.

The mother who toils night and day to support a crippled husband and dependent children is a good deal of a heroine. The parent going without food so that the little ones may have something to eat; the brave sister or big brother working all hours to keep the family together when father and mother have gone to their final rest—all these are heroes or heroines, and there are many such in our great cities.

Their names don't get in the newspapers, or glare at readers in six-inch headlines; and their sacrifices may be known only to God, to themselves and to those whom they benefit; but they are of the same stuff as the soldier who leads a forlorn hope, who thrills himself on the bayonets of the foe, that his comrades may rush forward to victory.

General Grant was never more a

here in the stress and storm of battle than he was in those dark latter days, when knowing that the seal of death was on his brow, he struggled to complete his memoirs, so that his family might not suffer, and that his debts should be paid.

All honor to the heroes of fire and flood and war, but don't forget that there are thousands just as heroic, for whom there are no Carnegie medals, no popular applause, no reward or recognition save the sweet pleasure of doing good, the consciousness of duty performed.

### PHYSICAL FITNESS AS AN EDUCATIONAL AIM.

The principle of medical inspection as applied to public schools is commending itself to colleges and universities. Harvard announces that next term Freshmen will be examined with a view to remedying physical defects, other high institutions are planning to give their students the same advantage. Years ago colleges realized the importance of the gymnasium and of athletics, and the more progressive among the many sought to adapt physical exercise to individual needs. It is a long step forward, however, to supplement this work with a thoroughgoing system of medical examination and supervision.

Strangely enough the modern world overlooked for centuries certain aspects of education that were all important to the old Greeks. The idea of physical fitness, as an end to be sought systematically through the school and to be stressed as one of the essentials of culture, was widely ignored a generation ago. Fortunately, the vital link between mental and moral and physical training is being rediscovered and stressed anew. The public school system that neglects the health of children, either as regards the comfort and sanitation of school buildings or the correction of physical defects will soon be condemned as antiquated and unworthy. As a preparation for life, the school must adjust itself to living needs and interests, must strive for the development of sound bodies as well as keen minds, must see to it as far as possible that boys and girls, young men and young women, are relieved of every handicap to their usefulness and continued growth.

### SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

Both in America and England—but not so slowly in America as in England—changes have been and are going on in the forms of spelling. These changes come about almost imperceptibly, and consist in dropping letters which appear to be superfluous, or in "appearing to be," for not all letters which seem useless orally are really useless as to their presence in a word. For instance, "write," "right," and "rite" are sounded alike, but the difference in spelling tells the difference in meaning. Spelled in the so-called simplified style, all three would be "rite"; but the change, far from simplifying, would cause confusion. This is a point commonly overlooked by the advocates of spelling reform, but it is a very important point both to children in schools and to their elders who prefer to know what a word means at sight (not "sight"), without having to study out the meaning from the context.

The English language will not stand still. It never has. On the other hand, it will continue to move forward with a dignity and sobriety and sense of the fitness of things befitting its antiquity, its glorious history, and the immortal works of genius of which it is the shrine and the custodian.

### LONG DISTANCE EXPLOSIONS.

There seems to be no doubt that an Italian has solved the problem of causing explosions at long distance by the use of the ultra-violet rays. It is only a few months since a popular magazine carried what was regarded as an impossible romance based on just such a discovery—and the immediate realization shows us again how rapidly the world do move.

The Italian succeeded in exploding two torpedoes, in a few minutes' time, at a distance of two miles.

The possibilities which this discovery opens up in warfare are overwhelming. He will revolutionize modern warfare, if the scheme proves generally practicable, by adding a new and sinister and terrible weapon.

All other alleged news pales into banality compared to the shocking announcement that Lord Decies had to use his wife's brush and comb when his own suit-case was stolen. Lord Decies will have the deep sympathy of the entire civilized world in his hapless plight.

In Denmark the school teacher is almost always furnished with a house, barn and a few acres of land, according to W. H. Smith, a recent observer from the U. S. bureau of education. "The tenure of office of the teacher is for life or good behavior, and 75 per cent of the rural teachers are men who settle down in their respective communities, cultivate the small farm, act as choristers in the country church, and easily and naturally become leaders in affairs."

## JABS IN THE SOLAR PLEXUS

By YON YONSON.

HERTILLO is dead. It is not too much to say that he has left imperishable fingerprints on the sands of time.

WE'VE just been apprised of a terrible thing: Pao-Chi succeeded Hsing-Hai-Ling.

THE POOR benighted Hindu is doing the best he knows—but Prof. Subhinda Bose says he will do a lot worse if they go to excluding him from the Anglo-countries. Let America for the Hindus be the slogan.

THE NEW night school seems to have made a three-ply hit. Some progressive, our schools.

ALCOHOL ALBERT, just recovered from a six days' sojourn, was getting along all right. But he had a terrible relapse. Alcohol read in the Eve, Herd, that they pump nine million gallons of water at Willard every month.

THE ST. Louis Unemployed received a severe shock, when as they were about to hold a demonstration, they were met with the proposal that they shavel know for the city.

WE ARE democratic as they make 'em in this country—royalty has no terrors for us. And yet we'll waver every society girl in the U. S. A. reads with greenish envy about those fortunate young ladies who were just presented to King and Mrs. George of England.

A MASSACHUSETTS clergyman has discovered a new heavenly body. Why should a clergyman do it?

IT LOOKS to us like small business, picking on a blind man, even if he is a senator of the U. S.

STARTLING. The Senate has found something to do to the railroads that is conceded to be illegal. We suppose there was no limit to what you could do to a railroad.

O'SHAUGHNESSY has just found out that a crisis is imminent in Mexico.

THE GOVERNMENT is going to give the American Hen a rush order. All right, hope it succeeds. We have never been able to find anything that would make a hen hurry if she didn't want to.

KING GEORGE says hard work is desirable. John D. Rockefeller says the same. It seems that all persons who don't have to work think it is a rare privilege.

BANDIT Castillo seems to have as many lives as a whole drove of cats.

Chivalry. A gentleman a lady meets. Upon a windy day. As soon as he's found out they're silk. He looks the other way.

—Judge.

### THE CONSERVATION OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Dr. M. E. Pennington of the United States department of agriculture in an address at the food question banquet of the Philadelphia produce exchange spoke as follows:

"No other civilized country wastes foodstuffs as we waste them. If all the crops that the farmers raise were utilized; all the meat animals that are killed eaten; all the fish that come into the nets marketed, hundreds of thousands who are now hungry would be well fed and the agitation on the subject of high prices would not attract much attention. Conservation of foodstuffs, in its broad sense, means not only the saving of the excess production of such seasons for the seasons of scarcity, but it means also the systematic, scientific care that prevents worms, apples, or windfalls, prevents the fermentation of carload after carload of corn, prevents the rancid butter from the dirty farm, or the rotten eggs, or the tainted chicken.

The toll of the farmer results in the production of foods. Faulty handling, from the time the apple is ripe, the egg is laid or the fish caught—for in essential to fishermen are comparable with our farmers—reduces enormously the amount which finally reaches the consuming center, and lowers to even a greater extent the quality of a large proportion of that which is saved from the crematory or the dump.

Go to any of the market terminals in this city on a summer Wednesday or Saturday, between 12 and 4 p. m., and see for yourselves the waste of vegetables because of decay, low quality, or market gluts. Look at the spoiled poultry during a warm autumn such as we have just experienced—thousands of pounds of it. What are we doing, as broad-minded, intelligent citizens to acquaint ourselves with such facts and to assist, intelligently, those who are more directly charged with such responsibility?

For centuries we have conserved meat by smoking or salting, fish by smoking and drying, winter vegetables by earth culture. Our great canning industry has so improved and developed the elemental principles of the housewife's "preserving" that it has literally resulted in altering the face of the earth. Man now lives healthfully, where he could not live heretofore. Canning foodstuffs has also served to equalize the seasonal supply and is truly conservational. Latest in its development, and broadest in its benefits and conserving power, has come refrigeration—again a great industrial development from the housewife's springhouse, or cellar or ice house.

To refrigeration, more than to any

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WHY DRUG CLERKS. "This child GO CRAZY. Is my little girl. I send you a penny for two little powders for a grown up adult who is sick."

"You will please give the little boy penit worth of opium for to throw up in a five months old babe."

"I have a cue pain in my child's diaphragm. Please give my son something to release it."

"My little baby has eat up its father's parish plaster. Send an immediate as quick as possible by the enclosed little girl."

"I had a hot time in my inside and wish I would like it to be extinguished."

SHE KNEW The elderly matron THE PLACE, with the bundles who was journeying to a point in Wisconsin and occupied a seat near the middle of the car had fallen asleep. On the seat in front of her sat a little boy. The brakeman opened the door of the car and yelled out the name of the station the train was approaching. The elderly lady aroused herself with a jerk.

"Where are we, Bobby?" she asked. "I don't know, Grandma," answered the little boy.

"Didn't the brakeman say something just now?"

"No, he just stuck his head inside the door and sneezed."

"Help me with these things, Bobby!" she exclaimed hurriedly, "this is Oshkosh."

NOW THAT ARMS and ammunition may be shipped into Mexico freely, the quiet and good order prevailing in that country may suffer some interruption.

CONDITIONS at Sing Sing are unsatisfactory to prison reformers. The inmates are not entirely pleased with them, either. They interfere so with one's freedom.

Secretary Daniels' order, turning the battleships into A FILIPINO schools for the enlisted men, is bringing out some amusing stories, says Current Events.

A Filipino sailor in the history class had to write a short account of the life of George Washington. He knew nothing of the hero of the Revolution, but he asked a coal heaver, who was able to give him some information. This is what the Filipino wrote.

George Washington was sore because Ammerical persons is not free. He said to England on North Dakota ship and say to King, "I express declaration of independence for Ammerical persons." King say nothing and Mr. Washington tell admiral Dewey to shoot turret guns. Hime-by King say he will not rob Ammerical persons again. "Let Georg do it," says king, and Ammerical persons is free.

other single factor, must we look for the elimination of decay, the preservation of quality and the conservation of perishable products. Like "smoking," which means the preservation of the meat by the combustion products of wood, or "canning," which means the bacteria is killed by heat, refrigeration must be specially and accurately applied if its maximum benefits are to be obtained. It must be combined with "good handling," as the broad phrase goes; that is, the perishable article must be put under refrigeration while it is sound and fresh. National and state and municipal agencies are now endeavoring to inaugurate improved methods handling foodstuffs at the source of production, and frequently refrigeration is an absolutely necessary part of such methods. The railroads are adding refrigerator cars by the thousand each year, to haul these perishables safely. Refrigerated terminals are being built to receive them, refrigerated warehouses in which to hold them until they are needed.

Only one thing intervenes to prevent refrigeration as a conservator of both quality and quantity of food products from being the greatest price-equalizing agency that we at present possess, and that is the ignorance of the consumer of the source and time of the production, transportation and storage of our food supplies. The capacity of the dishonest tradesmen is fed by this ignorance. If the consumer does not wish to eat refrigerated products he should not be compelled to do so. But he will find that his winter bill of fare will show an overwhelming preponderance of salt pork, corned beef, carrots, turnips and potatoes. If he is to continue to have the cream of all the seasons the year around he must accept them preserved by sterilization or refrigeration—more especially the latter. And to obtain to the full the benefits due him, he must have a more intimate, more exact knowledge of whence, and how came the food to the markets. He must lend the aid of his knowledge toward the solving of the food question, part of which is the saving of waste and the equalization of supplies."

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Dinner is served to the girls who come to the evening classes in the Washington Irving high school, New York City. Instead of going to public restaurants, the girls come directly from work to the school, and spend the intervening time in the "gym" or reading rooms.

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### What the French Maid Told Marjorie

#### Removing Spots and Stains.

"You have come just in time to see me clean some garments of spots and stains," exclaimed Marie, as Marjorie entered, tossing her muff over on the window seat.

"You see I first supplied myself with all the necessary articles, and they cost less than a dollar. If Madame was to send out these garments I am sure the bill would be over \$15 for dry cleaning is very expensive, you know."

Marjorie nodded, and listened intently.

"What things do you require for the work?" she asked.

"The materials needed are very simple, only fuller's earth, block magnesia, boracic talcum powder, flour and borax and a few cleaning cloths and brushes."

"This white broadcloth suit is frightfully soiled, and looks almost hopeless, doesn't it?" asked Marie, holding up a beautiful but very soiled costume trimmed with shawl.

"I would be worried over the result, if it were mine," replied Marjorie.

"I think it will come out all right. I am going to put in a clean tub and completely cover it with corn meal, slightly salted. Then I shall rub it just as if it were in soapuds, of course being more strenuous with the very soiled places. After it has been thoroughly gone over the meal should be thrown out and the gown put back into the tub and covered with clean meal. Then I shall leave it there for two days, with a cloth over the tub to keep out the dust. Then shake it thoroughly in the air, and brush it with a clean, soft, bristled brush. It will need good pressing and will then be as white as if it were new."

Marjorie was much impressed with this information, and decided to clean her pale blue evening cape in the same way.

"How can you remove those grease spots from that lavender gown over there?" asked Marjorie, pointing to a lovely gown lying on the bed.

"Grease spots on silk or wool can be removed by the application of French chalk. Place plenty of the powder on the wrong side of the goods and let it stand for a few hours. Then brush the powder off and put on fresh. Lay blotters under and over the stained place and gently press with a hot iron. Replenish the blotters until no grease is visible upon them and then brush the spot free from powder."

"Well, these things are mighty useful, and they will all go down in my little book of 'Suggestions,' replied Marjorie.

### MOTHER! THE CHILD IS COSTIVE, BILIOUS

Don't Hesitate! A Laxative Is Necessary If Tongue Is Coated, Breath Bad or Stomach Sour.

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### GREAT GATHERING OF ENGINEERS PLANNED AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, Feb. 13.—One of the greatest gatherings of engineers in the history of New York is likely to be seen on May 25, 29 and 30, when the School of Mines celebrates its fiftieth anniversary of Morningside Heights. A committee from the trustees, faculty and alumni has been at work on the plans for some time and the general program provides for a reception on the first day in the gymnasium; big meetings at the university on the second day, at which eminent scientists will speak, with a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria in the evening at which Prof. James F. Purnham Knapp will preside, and well known alumni will speak; and trips about town on the third day, winding up with a baseball game between the "Varsity nine" and another college team in the afternoon on South field. Details of the various functions are in process

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